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NATIVE OF DULUTH

McEWEN WAS BORN AND REARED IN THIS CITY.

His Parents Are Among the Oldest Inhabitants—He Has Struggled Through Adverse Circumstances to a Position in Life of Honor and Respect—Has Held Many Honorary Positions With Credit.

W. E. McEwen, Democratic nominee for alderman of the Fifth ward, is a Duluthian born and bred. He was the first white boy born in that part of Duluth, west of the point of rocks, and now known as Central Duluth. His parents' marriage was the first service of any character held in the Second Presbyterian church. He is the oldest son of William McEwen, telephone operator at the police station. His mother died when he was but ten years of age. He was educated in the Duluth public schools, learned the plumbing trade and worked at it continuously until he purchased the Labor World in March, 1900. His first money was made selling newspapers when but nine years old. He continued at this until he left the High School at the end of the Junior year, and began to learn the plumbing trade. In the labor movement he has held many positions of honor and trust. His first experience in this line was secretary of a newsboys' union in 1889, secretary of Plumbers' Helpers' union in 1891, secretary of Journeymen Plumbers' union 1896-1900, secretary of Trades Assembly one term, president four terms, vice president of Minnesota State Federation of Labor one term, and in 1896 was elected secretary which position he now holds. Was a delegate to the Kansas City convention of the American Federation of Labor and served on an important arbitration committee in Chicago.

When the business and laboring interests were at variance on account of the frequency of injudicious boycotts he did more than any individual in the local labor movement to bring about the happy relations that exist today. He is regarded as a fair, conservative and practical advocate of labor, and is held in high regard by the business as well as laboring interests of the city, with whom he has been much in contact.

He served as a member of the Board of Health in 1899 and until the new charter legislated that body out of office. He was a member of the first committee that went to the Twin Cities in 1897 for the purpose of arranging for a try-city charter.

HILL ENDORSES.

Secretary of Duluth Improvement Association Gives Reasons.

Gentlemen: Referring to my knowledge of W. E. McEwen as a person who would well represent Duluth, in the city council, I am pleased to say that he seems eminently fitted for the position of alderman for the following reasons:

As a well-known labor advocate he has large influence with the workingmen of Duluth, while, as a citizen in general, and as an alderman in particular, he would be sufficiently cautious and discreet to well guard and protect the interests of the city.

THOMAS E. HILL.

PRACTICAL MAN.

What is wanted in government as in business is practical men who will permit visionary ideas to sway them in their work for the people. The time for the visionary ideas is tomorrow, the work of the practical man is for today. He who feels his way slowly through the world is he who can maintain a point of advantage at the summit of his glory. Mr. McEwen is thoroughly practical, as all who know him will testify. He has a good conception of business affairs, and therefore can not fail to be a good alderman.

QUEER ARGUMENT

USED BY OPPONENTS TO GET VOTES FROM McEWEN.

Say He Is a Labor "Agitator," and Will Be a Class Legislator—Falsely of Their Argument Exposed. Labor Advocate Not a Demagogue. Leads for a Better Feeling Between Capital and Labor.

In his candidacy for alderman of the Fifth ward, some of Mr. McEwen's opponents have very tactfully used the argument that he was a labor agitator, and would not be a good man in the city council. This can best be answered by a reproduction of the following editorial, written by him in a recent number of the Labor World:

"The enemies of fair play between the employer and the employed characterize the editor of this paper as a labor agitator. We are proud of the distinction as coming from such a source. If by labor agitator is meant one that believes in the supremacy of law, equal justice to rich and poor, to the employer as well as to the employe, then we accept the title with all that it implies. The labor agitators, far as we know, (and our acquaintance with them is by no means limited) are lovers of their country, of good government, of American institutions, and bent on perpetuating those blessings of civil liberty and justice that have made the American nation what it is today, and which if adhered to will continue to bless the people for ages yet to be. Whatever else the labor agitator has he is a peace maker, a law abiding man, and one who is not as a disturber. Labor and capital are gradually getting nearer and nearer to each other. The friendly attitude is the attitude of success for both. No man has any standing in labor circles today who shows a disposition to stir up antagonism between labor and capital. They are and must of necessity be friends. The labor agitator knows this and puts forth his best endeavors to keep them friendly. Certainly this is nothing to be ashamed of. The man who would throw a screw in the way of the friendly feeling that should exist between labor and capital is a dangerous man and an enemy to both. The occasional instances of the oppression of labor by individuals of the money class as well as the occasional instances of unjustifiable uprisings by individuals of the laboring class, point to the necessity of a higher standard of enlightenment and justice for both, and the labor agitator is putting forth his best efforts in that behalf. An individual must be as blind as a bat who does not see that there has been a vast improvement in industrial conditions in recent years, and that the labor agitator was an important factor in bringing these conditions about. Nor would we overlook the friendly assistance given to the cause by very many capitalists and employers of labor. Intelligent discussion, universal education, and the benign teachings of Christianity are the lovers of civilization, and their uplifting influences are year by year manifesting themselves more and more upon the lives and conduct of both employer and employe. To the philosophic mind the occasional disruptions between labor and capital today are but the rattling of interests once diverse but now assimilating and

making common cause for the advancement of the race. It is but the travail of old methods and conditions giving birth to the new. The day of the calamity howler, and mischief maker is ended so far as labor circles are concerned and the era of better things has been ushered in, and it is the duty of every lover of his race and country to lend a helping hand in perpetuating the conditions of peace and harmony between the two interests—each so necessary for the well being of the other, labor and capital."

CITY'S AFFAIRS.

A Municipality Should Be Conducted on Business Lines.

While Mr. McEwen's life has been largely devoted to labor matters, he has been a careful observer of municipal affairs. He has seen the city grow from a small village to a metropolitan city. He has lived here long enough to profit by the experiences of the past. He believes that the city should be run on strictly business principles. In his paper recently he compared the city with a large corporation and the alderman with the board of directors, holding that as it was the aim of the latter to have their corporation managed in such a manner that good dividends might be paid to the stockholders, it is the duty of the board of aldermen to see that the city is managed along the same lines. He does not believe in "penny wise and pound foolish economy," for many necessary improvements must be made, but he is strongly opposed to extravagance. It is much easier to spend other people's money than it is your own.

VOTE EARLY.

Every Citizen Should Vote Early in the Day.

When election day arrives, the first thing to do on your way to your work is to vote. Get it off your mind. Something might happen during the day that would prevent you from getting to the polls on time to cast a vote. The polls open at 6 o'clock in the morning and close at 7 o'clock in the evening. The following are the boundary lines of the five precincts in the fifth ward: First precinct—Voting place, 321 Michigan street. Boundary, West side of Third avenue West to east side of Fifth avenue West, and from the water front to the boulevard.

Second precinct—Voting place 23 Fifth avenue West. Boundary west side of Fifth avenue West to east side of Sixth avenue West to north side of Second street, then west to east side of Seventh avenue West, then north to Boulevard.

Third precinct—Voting place, 707 West Superior street. Boundary, West side of Sixth avenue West, then north to east side of Second street, west side of Seventh avenue North to Boulevard.

Fourth precinct—Voting place 1123 West Michigan street. Boundary from Eighth avenue to east side of Twelfth avenue West; water front to south side of Boulevard.

Fifth precinct—Voting place Rockwell's store, Duluth Heights. Boundary, all that portion of the ward from Third avenue to Twelfth avenue, north of Boulevard to the city limits.

T. C. PHILLIPS

Speaks Well of McEwen and His Work in General.

T. C. Phillips, of the firm of Phillips & Co., says that he has known Mr. McEwen for several years and refers to him in the following language: "My acquaintance with Mr. McEwen began when he was president of the Trades Assembly. I have been much in touch with him since that time, and can truthfully say that he is a safe and cautious man. One thing I have noticed in particular with him, is that he is practical in all his undertakings. The average labor leader is liable to become visionary, but it is not so with him. He seems to be well balanced in his discussion of all questions.

HOW LABOR STANDS

LABOR PRESS OF THE STATE IN-DORSE McEWEN'S CANDIDACY.

Say He Is One of the Brightest Men in the Labor Movement—He Is Broadminded and Liberal Enough to Know That the Interests of Labor Are Best Served When Serving All the People.

For six years Mr. McEwen has been an officer of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor. During that time his career has been watched with interest by every union workman in Minnesota. The labor press of the state has spoken of his candidacy in the following manner:

Minnesota Union Advocate: He is one of the brightest, and most upright men engaged in any movement in this state, and is bound to leave his mark on the municipal life of Duluth, as he has left it on the affairs of organized labor in this state. As showing the spirit in which Mr. McEwen enters on the contest for public honors, and which will animate him if he is elected, we take pleasure in quoting the following words from a recent issue of his paper: "In the aldermanic contest we stand for good government, a faithful adherence to the rights of all parties and localities, and for such administration and legislation as will best conduce to the prosperity of our city. We have no axes to grind, no yet theories to experiment with, and no other object or aim than to serve the people faithfully and well." The public will be well served that has intelligence and sense enough to elect men of McEwen's character and ability.

The Minneapolis Union: We are pleased to see that Brother W. E. McEwen, editor of the Duluth Labor World, and secretary of the State F. of L., has been nominated by the Democrats of that city as their candidate for alderman. There is no abler man in the ranks of labor in the state than that same "Billy," and in addition to that he is an honest advocate of reform measures, and stands for what is the best and highest in the labor movement. We will guarantee that if he is elected, and we hope he will be, there will be no member of the council in that city who will make a better record, nor one who will look closer after the interests of the whole people. He is broad minded and liberal enough to know that the interests of the workers is best served by serving the interests of the whole city, and if elected will give a credit to the workers, and do much to overcome the prejudice which exists in many quarters against electing workmen to responsible public positions.

Here's hoping he will have a good, clean majority."

THE ENTIRE WARD.

McEwen Will Work in the Interest of City and Ward.

The citizens of Duluth Heights are interested in the election of Mr. McEwen, not because they feel that they are entitled to an alderman any more than any other portion of the ward, but because they feel that he has some good qualifications for the position of alderman. They wish to testify in these columns as they intend to do at the polls as to Mr. McEwen's standing in the community in which he resides. If elected he will represent no class or interest save that of the whole ward. It will be his ambition to serve faithfully and well all of the people of the ward. The fifth ward is the largest in the city. It is the most densely populated; it has the most costly buildings; the greatest business interests in the city. Besides being the largest it is the greatest of all the wards. The choosing of a representative in this ward is an important matter. It is not so much of a political proposition as it is a business proposition.

WORTH CONSIDERING.

John Pantan Speaks Knowledgeably of McEwen's Efforts.

John Pantan, senior member of the firm of Pantan & White, proprietors of Duluth's mammoth department store, in answer to this committee says: "While our firm is not in politics, yet in justice to Mr. McEwen it is our duty to say that in all the time we have known him in the labor movement we have found him unusually fair and honest in his dealings. He has had several conferences with us in the last few years, and in all of them I have found him to be reasonable and consistent.

STRAIGHT TIP.

M. S. Burrows Has Known McEwen For Many Years.

M. S. Burrows, proprietor of the Great Eastern Clothing House, says: "I have known Mr. McEwen since his boyhood days. Since he has been in the labor movement I have been in a position to know him well. I have watched his career with interest, and have conversed with him on many occasions. He is a careful student of conditions, earnest and consistent as an advocate of labor and is truly interested in the business development of Duluth."

GOOD OPINION.

From Well Known Capitalist and Employer of Labor.

R. L. McCormick, vice president of the Duluth Universal Milling Company, says of Mr. McEwen: "Organized labor and the city of Duluth are extremely fortunate in having a man in the labor movement who is so fair and conservative as Mr. McEwen. His eagerness to see the city become a great industrial center is highly commendable."

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

McEWEN IS A STAUNCH ADVOCATE OF MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Has Been a Careful Student for Years—Declares That It Is a Labor Question—His Difference Between Private and Public Ownership—Is Not a Radical and Will Move Slowly and Cautiously.

Mr. McEwen has long been a strong advocate of municipal ownership. In the early days, before the acquisition of the Gas & Water plant was strongly advocated, he was a student of the question. His labor organization had declared for the municipal ownership of all public utilities, and he has always taken the stand that the municipal ownership idea was pronounced by private agencies. The following article from a recent edition of his paper will perhaps explain his attitude far better than anything that this committee might say:

"Trades unionism has long favored municipal ownership of the means of distribution of water, light and transportation, the latter of course including both freight and intelligence. While political economists have contended solely for the quantitative increase of wealth, the trades union has and is contending for a higher social ideal—the attainment of the greatest quantity, the highest quality and the most just distribution of wealth." In the distribution of these public necessities there are found two general methods. 1. Monopoly method, in which the distribution is made by private agencies usually by corporations legalized by legislative enactments, the business being managed solely with the object of profit. The charges for the services rendered being the highest price that can be exacted from the users, and the services the poorest that the community will stand for. 2. Municipal ownership method, by which the ownership of means and management of distribution is done by the government established by the people themselves. The officials in the management are held to accountability by the people who place them in position of trust, and are looked to for sufficient quantity, the highest quality and a just distribution, and for a remuneration under one of the following three principles. 1. The revenue principle, by which the government aims at giving the best services at a remuneration sufficient to cover all cost of service and depreciation, and in addition a profit which is covered into the governmental treasury with a view of defraying other expenses of government, and incidentally lessening taxes on other forms of property. 2. The cost principle under which the services are rendered at an actual cost of operation and depreciation, the user being expected to simply remunerate in accord with the actual benefits derived from usage; and 4. The principle of gratuity, by which every citizen is furnished a sufficient service for his need, free of charge, the expense of service being defrayed by a general tax levied on properties.

"Between the two general methods of distribution of water, light and transportation the union movement has long cast its influence with the municipal method, but as to the most perfect of the three principles under which municipal ownership is conducted there is some division of opinions, which, however, are not of a magnitude to retard either the municipal ownership movement nor the unanimity of the labor forces in its adoption. Mr. McEwen will work unceasingly for the acquisition of all public utilities, and yet he will not permit his enthusiasm to get the better of his judgment on this matter, for he fully realizes that the city should act cautiously, moving only as fast as a healthy progress will permit.

BANKER TESTIFIES.

Chas. F. Leland Speaks Highly of Mr. McEwen's Efforts.

Chas. F. Leland, president of the Commercial Banking company, in an interview with this committee has the following to say of Mr. McEwen: "I have known W. E. McEwen for a number of years. I remember when we met at St. Paul during the discussion of the anti-boycott bill. He was spokesman for the labor committee, and I was impressed with the able, fair and conservative manner in which he championed labor's side of the dispute. "No personalities were resorted to, and I sincerely believe that the happy agreement reached at this meeting was largely through the efforts of Mr. McEwen. I have followed up his work since that time, and am thoroughly convinced that no one in the city is more interested and hopeful for the city's welfare than he."

MEWEN A STUDENT.

From the many testimonials appearing upon this page it can be seen that those who know Mr. McEwen in a business way have implicit confidence in him. As an advocate of labor he stands high among the workmen. In all his life in the labor movement he has endeavored to act in a consistent manner and with a full measure of success. Most advocates in any movement are too liable to become fanatical in the cause they espouse, simply because they devote their entire time to the subject. Mr. McEwen is a student both of economics and standard literature. His library contains some of the best works. Carlyle is his favorite author, and he can be found any evening at his home, when not otherwise engaged, deep in thought in some of the great "Hero Worshipers" works. The writer has counted over sixty reference books in his little library.

... TO THE ... Voters of the Fifth Ward.

THIS edition of the Labor World is edited by a committee of citizens of different political affiliations, who have been neighbors and friends of W. E. McEwen for a number of years.

Since Mr. McEwen became a candidate for Alderman of the Fifth Ward, he has been too modest to boom his own candidacy in these columns. His neighbors, who are interested in his political as well as his business success, after several attempts, finally succeeded in inducing him to permit us to edit this edition of his paper.

We can say with perfect frankness that it is with considerable pride that we present his name to the voters of the Fifth Ward for their careful consideration. We who know of his private character, as well as his public actions have no hesitancy in recommending him as an honest, able and conscientious man. He is in no way responsible for any article that appears on this page.

(Signed), Duluth Heights Citizen Com.
CHAS. H. MERRITT, Chairman.



OUR FINAL SHOT AT ALL

REMNANTS AND ODD.. LOTS OF MERCHANDISE

Tomorrow night we take our Annual Inventory, and not a dollar's worth of the goods displayed on our Bargain Counters in the morning will be taken into stock. There will be Bargains galore. It is the last day of our fiscal year, and we will make it a very interesting one.

Bargain Counter 1—

What do you think of these?

A lot of Embroidery Remnants go at 1c a yard.
Another lot of Embroidery, worth 15c, goes at 5c a yard.
A lot of Narrow Ribbon worth 5c to 8c, goes at 2c a yard.
Another lot of Wide Ribbons worth up to 35c, at 8c a yard.
A lot of Torchon and Fancy Laces worth up to 15c, at 2c.

Bargain Counter 2—

Millinery and Caps. This is the way we clean our stock.

50 Ladies Dress Hats worth up to \$5.00—Saturday 95c
at.....
Infants' Caps, about 200 of them, worth up to 95c each, 15c
pick Saturday at.....

Bargain Counter 3—

Listen to This!

All Remnants of Silks—
All Remnants of Dress Goods, black and colored—
All Remnants of Velvets—
All Remnants of Linings—go at exactly
HALF PRICE.

Bargain Counter 4—

Odds and Ends Almost Given Away.

Boys' Pants worth 50c—Boys' Unlaundered White Shirts worth 50c—Men's fancy Percalé Shirts worth 75c—Men's Fleece Lined Underwear worth 50c—Anything on the Counter for..... 25c

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